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BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: EFFECTS OF ME WAR IN KUWAIT

1. MIDEAST FIGHTING WAS BROUGHT HOME TO KUWAITIS IN TWO MORE DEVELOPMENTS LAST FEW DAYS:

2. KUWAITI FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD MADE "IMPORTANT AND URGENT" VISIT TO DAMASCUS OCT 30-NOV 1, ACCOMPANIED BY SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT AND KUWAITI MILITARY AND KNPC REPS. PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT WAS REPORTEDLY TO INVESTIAGE DESTRUCTION CAUSED TO SYRIA BY WAR AND MAKE PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR AID TO SYRIA. EMBASSY HAS REPORT THAT KUWAIT VISITED SYRIA AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR KUWAIT, QATAR AND ABU D WBI WHO HAVE JOINTLY AGREED TO AID SYRIAN RE-CONSTRUCTION. REPORTS ADDS THAT SAUDI ARABIA, LIBYA AND ALGERIA ARE TO GIVE SIMILAR AID TO EGYPT.

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3. LOCAL PRESS NOV 7 PUBLISHED STORY AND PICTURES OF KUWAITI "MARTYRS" KILLED IN FIGHTING ON SUEZ CANAL FRONT. STORY STATES THAT 9 KUWAITIS KILLED, 39 INJURED, AND 9 MISSING. THOSE KILLED INCLUDED COMMANDER OF KUWAITI FORCES, MAJOR KHALID ABDULLA AL-JIRAN.

COMMENT: THERE HAD BEEN MANY RUMORS THAT KUWAITI FORCE OF ABOUT 600 MEN HAD SUFFERED AS MANY AS 150 KILLED. THIS APPARENTLY NOT RPT NOT CASE. FONMIN OFFICIAL WHO DISCUSSED SUBJECT DCM DID NOT SEEM CONCERNED RE ANTI-US OVERTONES. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT SINCE ISRAELI POW LIST DID NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE ANY KUWAITIS, MISSING SOLDIERS CONSIDERED KILLED.
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